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In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Wieth et al.

Application No.: 10/019,142

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DETECTING AND REWARDING THE
RETURNING OF SHOPPING CARTS

Group: 2632

Examiner: Daniel Previl

Our File: SPT-PT002
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Date: November 17, 2003

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003 (Paper No. 10). A three-month Petition for an Extension of Time up through November 23, 2003 is submitted herewith. Entry of the following Amendment, without prejudice or disclaimer, and reconsideration of the Application is requested.

Please amend the application as follows: